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Inspector Brett Lycett
Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)

This letter is in response to our conversation that occurred on the morning of January 3, 2013 whereas I described that I had received additional allegations associated with the investigation regarding Police Chief David Arcieri that you had conducted on or about December of 2011. As I had advised, on the evening of January 2, 2013 Officer Chad Anderson had met with the Personnel Director, Donna Looney, and I to confess that he had pertinent information that he had previously withheld that is relevant to that case. Officer Anderson also alleges that he was approached by Chief Arcieri prior to him giving his testimony and his employment status was threatened if he was to disclose his involvement in completing Chief Arcieri's course work. Officer Anderson had advised me that he feared this threat as Chief Arcieri had made various other threats regarding officers' employment status and desire to discipline in which he was eventually able to carry out. Officer Anderson had also referenced other officers who were also approached by Chief Arcieri prior to them participating in your investigation.

During the course of the meeting with Officer Anderson he also disclosed that he maintains various disconcerting text messages that had been sent to him from Chief Arcieri. He had advised some of these messages were requesting him to perform directed patrol in search of former officers in order to complete traffic stops that would generate an arrest or chargeable offenses. Officer Anderson also disclosed that Chief Arcieri had provided him assistance in preparation of his hiring oral boards as well as required assessment officers to amend their scores to favor Officer Anderson's results.

On this same evening of January 2, 2013, Ms. Looney and I had also met with Sgt. Robert Hazelwood. He described that Chief Arcieri had required him to have the findings of a crash report amended to reverse fault in opposition of the investigating officer's findings.

On the morning of December 31, 2012 I had met with Sgt. Tim Huggins and he had also advised me that he had personal knowledge that Chief Arcieri was instrumental in obstructing the investigation conducted by FDLE. Sgt. Tim Huggins also referenced an incident whereas Chief Arcieri had voided a citation that he had previously issued for obstruction of roadway. The voiding of the citation was in opposition of Sgt. Huggins desire.

For your additional review and consideration, I have attached additional pages received from Sgt. Tim Huggins referencing various other discussions and/or allegations that he has personal experience or knowledge of.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if I can be of any additional assistance to you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


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